Scarcity of Water for Irrigation

222. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scarcity of water for irrigation in the country;

(b) if so, the status of irrigation water at present, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have prepared or going to prepare any plan to increase the number of reservoirs for irrigation water in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) At present, there are about 4050 large dams in the country and numerous small dams. The total storage capacity of the reservoirs created through these dams is estimated to be 213 Billion Cubic metre (BCM) which is used for various purposes including irrigation. Further, the estimated total storage capacity of on-going projects is 76 BCM.

Project reports on two prioritized Links

223. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 99 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 2004 and state:

(a) the progress achieved so far in the preparation of detailed project reports with regard to the two prioritized links, viz. Ken-Behoa and Parbale-Kalisindh-Chambal under peninsular component; and

(b) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reason therefor and by when the same is likely to be finalized?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.